

## ZELAYA RESIGNS HIS OFFICE

QUITS TO BRING PEACE TO HIS UNHAPPY COUNTRY.

Nicaragua's Ruler Unable to Withstand the Pressure of Defeat and American Hostility—Managua Wild Over the News—Zelaya Still in the Palace.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 16.—President Zelaya has resigned. His action was probably inspired by the knowledge that his power was rapidly waning and that many of his former adherents were only awaiting a favorable opportunity to turn and rend him.

The recent defeat of Government troops by the revolutionists gave backbone to the waverers, and practically the whole population of the capital, with the dread of Zelaya's vengeance removed, assumed a defiant attitude to their whilom ruler. The presence of American warships, the news of the coming of others and the publication of Secretary Knox's letter breaking off diplomatic relations with Nicaragua also had a most important effect in denuding Zelaya of supporters.

The wildest sort of rumors were in circulation, none of which could be verified, but all suspense was ended when the news spread like wildfire that the Dictator had finally decided that he must get out and that he had sent his formal resignation to the National Assembly. Action was immediately taken in the matter, the Assembly appointing a committee to prepare a bill providing for the acceptance of the resignation.

The capital to-night is in a state of the wildest excitement. The citizens are jubilant at finally getting rid of the man who a majority of Nicaraguans know has always been an incubus to the political and commercial development of the country. Zelaya understands full well the disposition of the people toward him and he has taken extraordinary precautions to guard himself against attack. He is still at the palace, which is guarded by some of his loyal troops and by a number of his thick and thin partisans who are bound to sink with him.

The matter of a choice of Zelaya's successor lies with the Congress, but although half a dozen names are mentioned there is absolutely nothing on which a forecast of the outcome of the present crisis can be made. Zelaya, it is believed, still nourishes the hope that he may be able to name his successor, but this is hardly likely in view of the success hitherto of the revolution headed by Gen. Estrada, who at the outbreak of the trouble declared himself provisional President. It looks as present as though Gen. Estrada may have backing sufficient to insure his election.

In his letter of resignation Zelaya seizes the occasion to hit at the United States, which he holds responsible for the chaotic condition of affairs in Nicaragua. He says: "The painful circumstances in which the country is plunged call for abnegation and patriotism on the part of all good citizens who have witnessed the oppression of the republic by the hand of fate. The country staggers under a shameful revolution which threatens the sovereignty of the nation, and a foreign nation has unjustly intervened in our affairs, providing the rebels with arms, which, however, has only resulted in their being defeated by the heroism of the loyal troops."

"To avoid further bloodshed, and as the rebels have declared that they would lay down their arms in the event of my abandoning executive power, I hereby place in the hands of the National Assembly my resignation for the remainder of my term of office, which is to be filled by my successor of their choosing, with the hope that my resignation will result in good to the country, the reestablishment of peace and the suspension of the hostility of the United States, to which I do not desire to give any pretext for intervention."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The State Department has received no confirmation of the press report from Managua that President Zelaya of Nicaragua has resigned. Officers of the Department, however, have been expecting such information for several days. Newspaper despatches from Nicaragua usually reach Washington before the Government despatches. Secretary Knox and Assistant Secretary Wilson declined to comment on the situation in the absence of official information.

It was learned to-night that the archives of the Nicaragua legation here, which has been closed, have been turned over to Señor Balbino Davalos, chargé of the Mexican embassy in this city. This fact is regarded here as significant of the close friendly relations existing between Mexico and President Zelaya.

The officers of the State Department who are handling the Central American situation were not surprised at the news of Zelaya's resignation. It is believed here that Zelaya will not make any attempt to leave Central America. Complications will undoubtedly develop over the selection of a successor to President Zelaya. The present indications are that José Madriz, the Nicaraguan Judge of the Central American Court of Justice, Cartago, Costa Rica, who is an associate of Zelaya, will be selected by the Congress to succeed President Zelaya. The candidacy of Señor Madriz is said to be favored by the Mexican Government. Secretary Knox, however, will probably decline to recognize the right of the Congress of Nicaragua to elect Zelaya's successor. The members of that body are all staunch adherents of Zelaya and would probably elect one of his close friends who would be acceptable to the United States. Señor Madriz is persona non grata to the United States and his selection would be opposed by the State Department.

The revolutionists will probably accept only Juan J. Estrada, President of the Provisional Government, as Zelaya's successor. The friendship between Mexico and President Zelaya, it is believed here, will prevent Mexico from cooperating with the United States in any programme for the punishment of President Zelaya.

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## CARNEGIE WOULD WHACK UP

If He Went Into Business Again He'd Share Profits With the Men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Andrew Carnegie, who is one of the house guests of President Taft, was asked to-day about the action of the employees of the United States Steel Corporation at Pittsburgh in deciding to fight the open shop policy of that corporation. Mr. Carnegie did not appear to be much worried over the situation.

"Labor and capital," he said, "should never be arrayed against each other. The solution is in profit sharing. Every employee should be an owner, and then there would be no trouble. If I were to go back into the steel business that is the first move I would make. I would inaugurate profit sharing with the men."

Mr. Carnegie said that he had not read the declaration of war issued by the disgruntled Pittsburgh employees of the Steel Corporation, but reiterated several times his belief that through profit sharing labor troubles would be avoided. "It should be so arranged," said Mr. Carnegie, "that every employee would participate. I think that in this way the greatest step to prevent dissension between labor and capital would be taken."

## OLD SHOT TOWER TO GO

Weber's Lot, Where the Murphys Played Ball, Needed for Buildings.

The old shot tower which has been a landmark in the gas house district for more than fifty years is to be torn down because Weber's lot, in which Charley and Johnny Murphy used to play baseball, is to be built up.

The old shot tower, which is also known as the old chimney, stands in a big lot on East Fifteenth street between Avenues B and C. It was built in 1846 by Adam Weber and is 180 feet high. It was first used by a brick company. The canal that ran from the yard to the East River was filled in before the civil war.

One day the boys of the neighborhood laid a baseball diamond in Weber's lot. Charley Murphy, now the leader of Tammany Hall, and Johnny Murphy, his brother, now Democratic leader of the gas house district, were ardent rooters for the old Playway Baseball Club, a Democratic athletic organization, when they were rivals. The Hanover Republican Club, on that field, was a Democratic club. The yard has not been occupied for three years.

## CAUGHT COUNTERFEITING

Three Prisoners Taken Beside Their Melting Pot by Secret Service Men.

Three men were busy finishing a batch of new coins in a room on the second floor of 384 Water street last evening. A group of secret service men walked in and told them to knock off work and come along. There was no chance of their escape; the agents had thought it out beforehand.

On the tables before the men lay about fifty half dollars and quarters. Near by was a melting pot, still hot. Half a dozen sets of moulds were scattered around the room and a neat little pile of completed samples testified to the skill of the counterfeiters.

William J. Flynn, John Henry and the other detectives of Uncle Sam found out that the crowd had been at work for two weeks. Most of their small output was circulated in small shops on Grand and Canal streets. One of the prisoners, John Fanning, served a term for counterfeiting six years ago. The others were George Carlo of 120 East 144th street and Alvin Catlin. All three were housed in the Oak street police station overnight.

## STOKES FORMING A COLONY

Social Workers to Live Together at Stamford.

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 16.—That Mr. and Mrs. James G. Phelps Stokes intend to establish a colony of social workers in Stamford near their home on Caritas Island was admitted to-day by Mr. Stokes. Recently Mr. Stokes bought nine acres adjoining his Caritas Island holdings. It is on this property that they intend establishing the colony, only they do not like to have it called by that name.

Mr. Stokes has already erected two lodges, aside from his own house, on Caritas Island. In one of these are living W. E. Walling, a writer and his wife, and the other is occupied by Leroy Scott, a writer, and Mrs. Scott, Rockwell Kent, an artist, and Mrs. Kent, are sharing with Mr. and Mrs. Stokes their own home. Just as soon as Stokes' colony can be erected on the recently acquired land this colony will be added to.

"Mrs. Stokes and myself feel," said Mr. Stokes, "that it would be much more congenial for us to have as neighbors people whom we know and are in sympathy with. If we have living here with us people who are engaged in the same work, we think that better results can be accomplished. We can consult with one another freely, and in fact our work can be done in a much more organized and systematic manner. It is not a colony we are to establish, just a gathering together of congenial people engaged in the same work."

## TO NEW YORK FOR CHRISTMAS

Battleships Coming Up From the Southern Drill Grounds.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 16.—Concluding their evolutions on the southern drill grounds off Virginia Beach the battleships of the Atlantic fleet to-day returned to Hampton Roads and will there remain until Monday, when they will sail for New York, so that the men may spend the Christmas holidays there.

The ships will return to the Roads soon after Christmas to take on supplies and make other preparations for departure early in the year for Caribbean waters, where they will spend four months in drill and at target practice. The battleships now with the fleet are the Connecticut, Vermont, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Georgia, New Jersey and Rhode Island. Others will join the fleet before the departure for the South.

The armored cruiser New York, which the shortage of men in the navy made it necessary to place in reserve, its men going to the battleship Michigan, shortly to be placed in commission, left the Roads to-day.

## SKIRMISHING FOR THE JOBS

CHARLES F. MURPHY GOES TO SEE JUDGE GAYNOR AGAIN.

Mayor-elect Puts a Quiet on Charles E. Gehring's Hopes of Getting Joseph Haas's Place—Parsons Keeps Away From a Hungry County Committee.

Charles E. Gehring, chairman of the executive committee of the Hearst organization, is a candidate for the \$7,500 a year job of secretary of the Board of Estimate, and he has told some of his friends that he expects to land the place. According to reports which were heard yesterday he has obtained the promises of some of the fusion members of the board to vote for him, and it was gossip that Mr. Gehring had been assured of the endorsement of Chairman Parsons of the Republican county committee.

But Mayor-elect Gaynor made it clear that if he has any say in the matter Mr. Gehring will have no chance for the place. For one thing Mr. Gaynor thinks that it would look too much like politics to give the place to a man whose only claim to it is that he helped to run Hearst's campaign, and another reason is that he thinks it would be hurtful to the board to throw out a man of such long experience as secretary as Joseph Haas, who ran as Tammany candidate for President of Manhattan against George McAneny.

When Judge Gaynor was spoken to yesterday about the report it was apparent that he had heard of the effort Gehring was making and also of the rumor that Parsons was supporting him. Asked if he expected that at the first meeting of the board, when the secretary would be chosen, there would be a division among the members of the body, he replied with emphasis: "No. I am sure that such a development as that is not possible. I am sure that the members of the board are not cooking up any such indecent thing as that would be, especially without letting me know that a change in the secretaryship of the board was contemplated. We all know Mr. Haas, and it is certain that the new members of the Board of Estimate would not remove so valuable an asset and experienced a man for the mere sake of playing politics. It is my understanding that politics will not be allowed to interfere with the serious work which the board will have in its charge. If it is true that Mr. Parsons is interesting himself in Mr. Gehring I want to express the hope that he will at least keep his hands off the Board of Estimate."

Charles F. Murphy called upon Judge Gaynor again yesterday and the two had a long talk, but as to what they talked about neither would say. Mr. Gaynor was as silent as usual on the question of possible appointments. One report, which has behind it more basis than mere conjecture, is that Mr. Gaynor will offer the place of Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity to William B. Ellison. This office was held by Mr. Ellison in Mayor McClellan's first term.

Chairman Parsons deeply disappointed several scores of Republicans who are depending on his backing to help them to get jobs when he failed to appear last night at the monthly meeting of the county committee. Since he went to Washington to attend to his Congressional work Mr. Parsons has been inundated with letters from Republicans who think that the work they did in the last campaign entitles them to jobs. To some of these Mr. Parsons has written that he would be in town for that meeting last night and that as he would probably remain over until the beginning of the week he would have an opportunity to talk their chances over with them.

The result was that while it was known that there was nothing but routine business to be done the meeting last night was attended by an unusually large gathering of members prepared to button-hole Mr. Parsons. The only explanation given for his non-appearance was that he was unable to leave Washington. Republicans lamenting the deaths of Senator Raines and Gov. Hughes' father were adopted by a rising vote.

## TROUPE OF PLAYERS DETAINED

Ellis Island Interferes Because They Come Over on Spec.

Fourteen men and women of a German theatrical troupe headed by Xavier Gril and his wife who got here yesterday in the second cabin of the steamship President Grant were sent from the ship to Ellis Island because they said they had no engagement to play anywhere in America but "hoped to get a chance to play at a German theatre in the Bowery," the name of which they did not know. They had \$300 in all, which is more capital than many American road companies can muster at the beginning of their career. The company before and organized the company believing that there was a good chance for it in this city and other cities with a large German population. He said he had some good singers and dancers and that there was no probability of any of the company becoming a public charge. They will be questioned to-day as to their ability. It is not unlikely that they may claim the right to land as artists.

## No Action on Lorton's Nomination

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Senate held a short executive session to-day but took no action on the nomination of Judge Horace H. Lorton to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. There was nothing significant in the failure to act. It is usual to allow nominations to lay over for one executive session. The nomination will come up at the next executive session, probably on Monday, and will undoubtedly be confirmed.

## Patent Dies Under Chloroform

While under the influence of chloroform in the Newark City Dispensary last night for the removal of her tonsils Mrs. Marie Davis, 25 years old, of 263 Mulberry street collapsed. Doctors Gale and McGrath tried in vain to rally the woman. She died removed one of the tonsils before she died. Mrs. Davis was a shirtwaist maker and her husband is a chauffeur in this city.

## NEWY'S WINNER FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS

Stella, a beautiful black and white dog, was the winner of the contest for holiday gifts. She was given by Mrs. J. J. Wilson, Jr., Corporation Counsel.

## TEACHER WINS BACK PAY SUIT

Others Who May Profit by Decision Shower Her With Kisses.

Supreme Court Justice Platzeck directed that a jury return a verdict for Mary K. Murtha yesterday in the test suit brought against the Board of Education to compel the board to pay her the salary of a principal's assistant, which post she has been filling for twelve years, instead of merely a teacher's salary. A score of women teachers who have the same rank as Miss Murtha and were awaiting the outcome of her case before taking action showered her with kisses when she got her verdict for \$2,800 back pay.

The Board of Education held that Miss Murtha was really only a teacher and refused to give her more than a teacher's pay and she brought her suit under the law passed in 1897 providing that no female head of a department or female assistant should receive less than \$1,600 after ten years of service. Miss Murtha was appointed a regular teacher in Public School 88 in 1893 and is now in Public School 5.

## AT WORK ON COOK'S DATA

Copenhagen Commission Meets and Adopts Method of Examination.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 16.—The commission selected to examine the data furnished by Dr. Cook to establish his claim to be the discoverer of the north pole assembled at the Copenhagen Observatory to-day and began its investigation. After Prof. Stromgren, president of the commission, had read aloud Dr. Cook's report and diaries it was decided that each member should examine the papers in sections, write a report, after which a vote of the members should be taken and a common report framed and signed and sent to the chancellor of the university, who, it is expected, will publish the report immediately thereafter.

It is now said that the examination is likely to be finished early in 1910. The members of the commission have been sworn on the Bible to divulge no word of their proceedings meantime. During the meetings of the commission detectives will guard the entrance to the observatory.

## GEN. GRANT MAY RETURN

And Again Take Command of the Department of the East.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Major-General Fred D. Grant, now in command of the Department of the Lakes at Chicago, will return probably to Governors Island next April as commanding officer of the Department of the East when Major-General Leonard Wood becomes Chief of Staff of the army. Gen. Grant was in command of the Department of the East before Gen. Wood was assigned to that duty in November 1908.

Major J. Franklin Bell, Chief of Staff, will probably take command of the Philippines division in the fall of 1910. He will relinquish his present duties as Chief of Staff next April and may take a vacation of several months before going to the Philippines. He will succeed Major-General William P. Duval, commander of the Philippines division, who will be placed on the retired list in January, 1911.

## MRS. EDDY'S COOK HELD UP

Immigration People Fear Her Loss of a Leg May Wake Her a Charge.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Mary E. Epfinger, a one-legged woman who came over from England on the Cunard liner Ivernia to cook for Mrs. Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, has been barred by the immigration officials at this port. She is held at the detention station on Long Wharf. The Christian Science Church officials and Mrs. Eddy's own personal counsel, former Governor John L. Bates, have taken an appeal to Washington, and pending a decision by Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor the woman will be held here.

Mrs. Epfinger is a widow, 36 years old. She has cooked for a number of noblemen's families in England and was recommended to Mrs. Eddy by them. The woman reached Boston in the Ivernia in the second cabin with her young sister, Miss Nellie Thomas. She gave the name of Mrs. Still of Falmouth street as her friend.

Mrs. Still came down to Long Wharf and told Commissioner Billings what she knew of Mrs. Epfinger, but the appeal board of inspectors which had been appointed to decide the case was not convinced that Mrs. Epfinger would be able to earn her living in this country.

## BOMB FOR THE MONEY CHANGER

Fingering His Coin When Door and Window Are Blown In—Fuzzled, of Course.

An Carmelo San Filippo, steamship agent and money exchanger, was counting a pile of American bills and silver last evening in his shop at 361 Rivington street there was an explosion just outside the street door near which he was standing.

The lower panel of the door caved in and the glass in a show window next to it was shattered. San Filippo was not hurt.

He stuffed the money he was counting into a drawer and raked in the pile of Italian coins that lay in the window among the bits of glass. Then he ran for the police.

## There was nothing left of the explosive, whatever it was, nor was there a trace of the exploded. San Filippo, who runs the place with his brother-in-law, Guglielmo Borea, declared that no member of his family had been threatened and that he had no enemies. If the object of the explosion was to inspire San Filippo with fear it was successful.

## MARoonED ON AN ISLAND

Crew of the Wisnatchek Without Food Since Sunday Night.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 16.—The Anchor liner Wisnatchek, which was feared yesterday had gone down with all on board, is fast on a rocky island and will be a total loss. Mate J. H. Casey and Engineer Erskine after a long trip in a launch reached the ship last night. The men got to the island in the small boat, but without provisions. The after end of the steamer with the provisions is under water. Tugs have been sent from Sault Ste. Marie with provisions for the stranded men.